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Your Ref: FP-2398PCT  
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Our Ref: 2006\_0757A/MDP/01413

Dear Mr. Ogasawara:

Thank you for your letter of March 6, 2009, regarding the preparation and filing of a response to the outstanding Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application.

Per your instructions, we prepared and today filed a response to the Office Action in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). In the response, we amended independent claims 1, 19 and 39 to be consistent with the instructions in your letter.

Additionally, in the remarks section of the response, we provided arguments in support of the amendments made to independent claims 1, 19 and 39, which took into consideration your comments regarding the present invention and the cited prior art.

We also prepared and filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the response, as you requested.

A copy of all of the papers filed in the PTO are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our debit note is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

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